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A LONG, LONG TIME AGO
THERE WAS
AN UNFORTUNATE GIRL WHO WAS KILLED ON THE DAY OF HER BIRTH.
CHAPTER 2: MATERNAL INSTINCT
ONE OF THE GODS TOLD HER,
COLLECT 108 HUMAN WORLDLY DESIRES.
WHY?
BECAUSE HUMAN SPIRITS ARE FORMED BY THESE DESIRES.
THESE DESIRES, CAUSE HUMANS TO EXPERIENCE PAIN, SUFFERING AND HAPPINESS
WHEN YOU ARE EXPOSED TO THESE HUMAN DESIRES, YOU, IN TURN, ABSORB THEM AS PART OF YOUR SPIRIT.
THEY CAUSE HUMANS TO SHED TEARS, LAUGH, AND EVENTUALLY DIE.
THEN YOU'LL BE ABLE TO PASS ON.

CHAPTER 2: MATERNAL INSTINCT

GOOD WORK EVERYONE!
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE WENT OUT DRINKING. LET'S ALL GO~
ALRIGHT---
SUKIYAMA-SAN, YOU SHOULD COME TOO!!
EH?
AH, YUKINO CAN'T GO...
?
BECAUSE ...
SUKIYAMA YUKINO (27) COMPANY EMPLOYEE
HER LOVING BOYFRIEND COMES TO PICK HER UP EVERY DAY AFTER WORK
SEE YOU TOMOR-ROW, YUKINO
LET'S GO HOME,
YUKINO.

YUKINO,
I TOLD YOU NOT TO TALK TO OTHER GUYS, RIGHT?
S... SORRY
KOUTAROU-SAN...
I WON'T DO IT AGAIN...
診察
外科・内
産婦人科
○×総合病院
HM,
GOOD GIRL.
SUKIYAMA YUKINO-SAN,
IT'S ALREADY THE FOURTH MONTH.
I'VE TOLD YOU MANY TIMES ALREADY...
IF YOU WANT TO STOP THE PREGNANCY, YOU'LL HAVE TO DO IT SOON.

IF YOU REALLY WANT TO GIVE BIRTH
Medical Record
Name Sukiyama
Address.
THEN TAKE THIS RECORD.
GO TO THE POLICE OR A PUBLIC PROTECTIVE AGENCY TO ASK FOR SHELTER, THEN GET A LAWYER.
THIS IS ENOUGH EVIDENCE FOR DV.
B... BUT..
HE... HE'S ACTUALLY A VERY NICE PERSON...
HE JUST GETS JEALOUS EASILY...
BESIDES, THIS IS ALL MY FAULT.
IF I TOLD HIM THE TRUTH... ABOUT BEING PREGNANT,
HE'D DEFINITELY BECOME A GOOD FATHER..
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE...
VICTIMS OF DV USUALLY ALL SAY STUFF LIKE THAT.
IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LEAVE YOUR BOYFRIEND
YOU SHOULD CONSIDER ABORTION.

THEY HAVE NO RIGHT TO BE A MOTHER.
IF A PERSON CAN'T EVEN PROTECT THEM-SELF,
.....
LUCKY CHARM FOR SUMM-ONING...
ZASHIKI WARASHI?

IF A PERSON CAN'T EVEN PROTECT THEMSELF,
THEY HAVE NO RIGHT TO BE A MOTHER.
I'LL TELL KOUTA-ROU-SAN
ABOUT THE BABY.
BE BRAVE.
THIS WAY, THERE WILL DEFINITELY BE
A CHANGE.

HOW ARE YOU, MISA-CHAN?
ARE YOU GOING OUT?
HMM!! I'M GOING OUT SHOPPING WITH PAPA AND MAMA!!
IS THAT RIGHT?
カン カン
カン.
YUKINO-ONEE-CHAN!
HOW ARE YOU!?
ピンポーン
SFX: RUSTLE
?

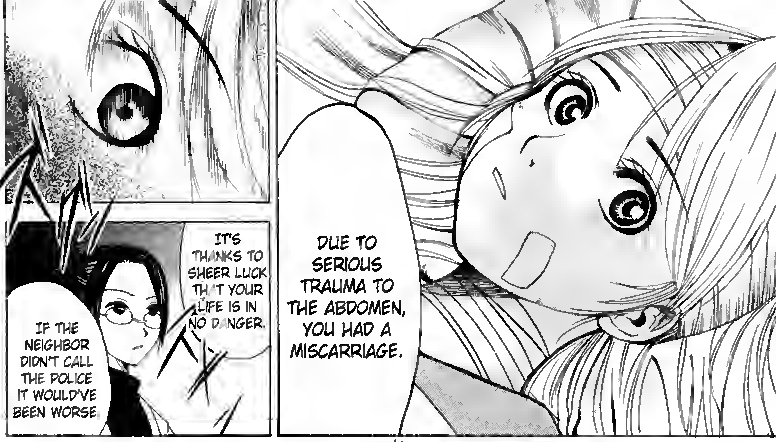
YUKINO-ONEE-CHAN'S FACE LOOKS LIKE IT HURTS.
YOU'LL BE OKAY WITH THIS!!
HERE!
SFX: STICKS...
COME ALONG, MISA
PAPA!
ALRIGHT MISA, YOU'RE BLOCKING THE HALL FOR ONEE-CHAN.
FUJITA-SAN.
WITH KOUTAROU-SAN...
I WANT TO BE LIKE THAT...
SO NICE...
207号室
大庭・杉山

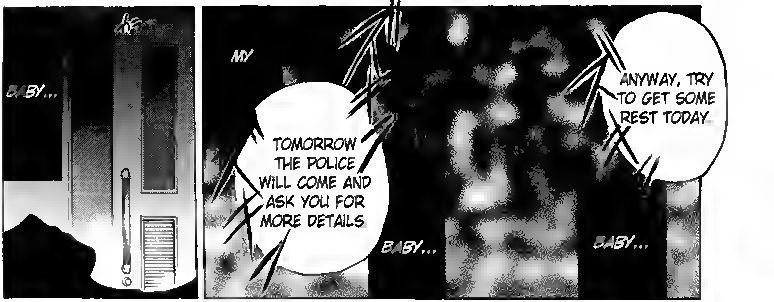
WELCOME HOME,
YUKINO.
KOUTAROU-SA..
YUKINO,
WHERE WERE YOU?
AH... THAT- THE HOSPITAL...
WAS IT A GUY?
EH?
YOU WENT TO SEE THAT GUY FROM YESTERDAY, RIGHT?
NO, THAT'S NOT IT
YOU'RE BEING UNFAITHFUL, AREN'T YOU?
YUKINO, WHY!!?

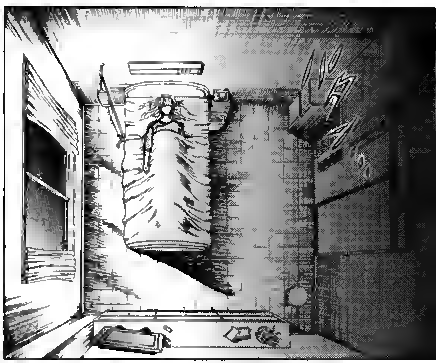
I LOVE YOU SO MUCH... AND YET...
I WENT TO THE HOSPITAL!!
I'M PREGNANT ...
KOUTAROU-SAN AND I...
PREG-
...HOS-PITAL?
THIS WAY THERE WILL DEFINITELY BE A CHANGE.
THIS WILL BE A RELIEF FOR HIM.
WE'LL BE A REAL FAMILY.
BECAUSE HE'S... JUST WORRIED.

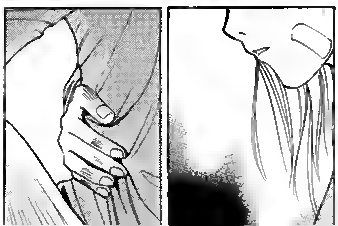
WHOSE CHILD?
NO...
YOU'RE A BAD GIRL, YUKINO!
BAD GIRL!
UNFOR-GIVABLE... UNFOR-GIVABLE!!
DON'T THINK YOU CAN FOOL ME!!
IT'S THE CHILD OF THAT MAN FROM YESTERDAY, ISN'T IT!!?
WHORE!!
YOU FUCKING...

IT'LL TAKE TWO MONTHS TO HEAL.
BRUISES ON THE ENTIRE BODY...
THE THIRD RIB ON THE RIGHT SIDE IS BROKEN...
DOC-TOR..
LEFT SHOULDER DISLO-CATED...
ALSO...


DUE TO SERIOUS TRAUMA TO THE ABDOMEN, YOU HAD A MISCARRIAGE.
IT'S THANKS TO SHEER LUCK THAT YOUR LIFE IS IN NO DANGER.
IF THE NEIGHBOR DIDN'T CALL THE POLICE IT WOULD'VE BEEN WORSE.


BABY...
MY
TOMORROW THE POLICE WILL COME AND ASK YOU FOR MORE DETAILS.
BABY...
ANYWAY, TRY TO GET SOME REST TODAY.
BABY...





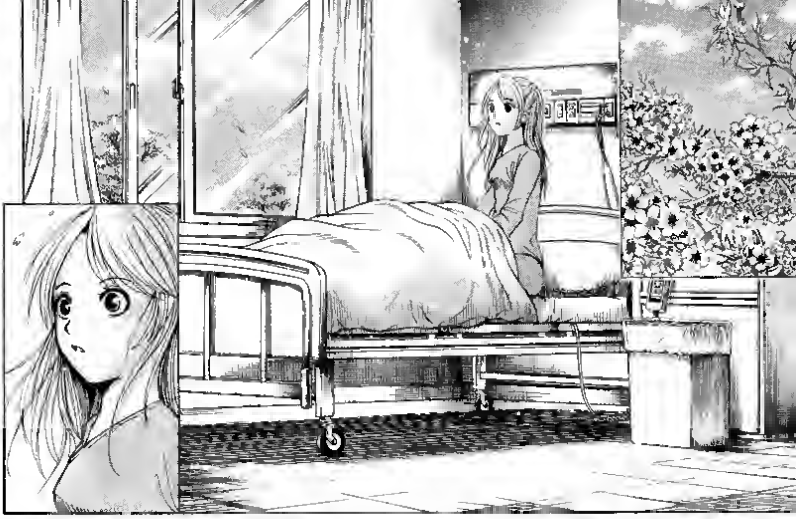
WU...
FU..
FU...
I REALLY WANTED TO PROTECT IT!!
WANTED TO PROTECT...
ポン!!
IT'S GONE...
UFU...
GONE...
UUUU-

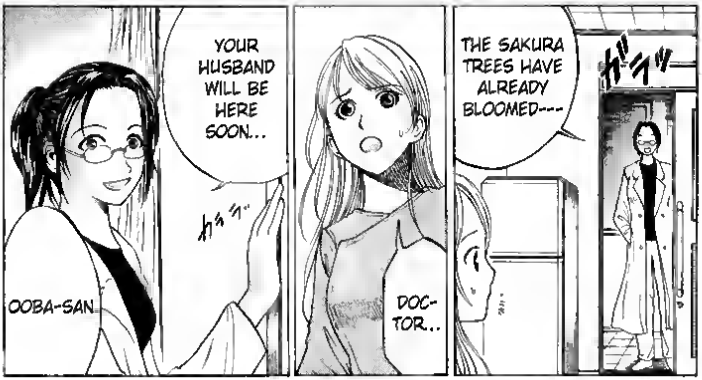
CURSE THIS WORLD,
CHILD OF HUMANITY.
W...
WHAT...
WHAT'S GOING ON!?
IF THAT BE THY DESIRE
IN ANY WAY

ZASHI-KI...
WARASHI ...?
I BE ZASHIKI WARASHI,
ZASHIKI WARASHI APPEARS IN THE FORM OF A CHILD...
BRINGER OF FOR-TUNE,
TO BRING FORTUNE...
REMOVER OF MIS-FORTUNE.

EH...?
IF THAT BE THY DESIRE IN ANY WAY,
"SHIFT OF MIS-FORTUNE"
WILL PROMISE THEE.

EXPOSE ALL
COME.
THY SINS.




YOUR HUSBAND WILL BE HERE SOON...
OOBA-SAN
DOC-TOR..
THE SAKURA TREES HAVE ALREADY BLOOMED----
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EH?

EH? YOU'RE STILL NOT USED TO IT?
YOU GOT MARRIED AT THE END OF LAST YEAR,
OOBA YUKINO-SAN.
GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF,
BECAUSE YOU'RE..
A MOTHER NOW.
AH, LOOKS LIKE YOUR HUSBAND IS HERE.
YUKINO!!
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ドン
ドン

KO...
KOU-TAROU-SAN..
OOBA-SAN! PLEASE BE QUIET IN THE HOSPITAL!!
I'M SORRY.
HA
HA
YOU.. YOU GAVE BIRTH...
GOOD JOB.
YUKINO!!

WHAT IS...
ALL OF THIS...?
I'LL COOK, SO GO REST.
YOU MUST BE TIRED, RIGHT?
A DREAM?
YUKINO~
EVEN IF THIS IS A DREAM,
IF I CAN BE THIS HAPPY...
HOW DO I CUT THESE
SO THAT THEY'LL BE MINCED?
FORGET IT.

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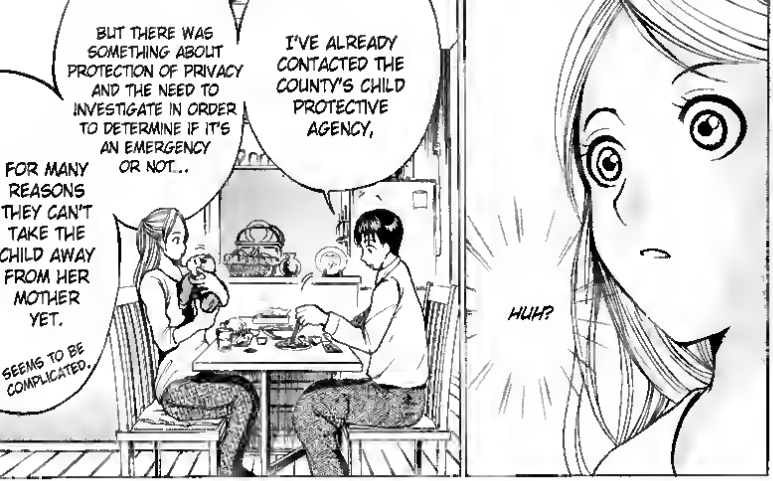
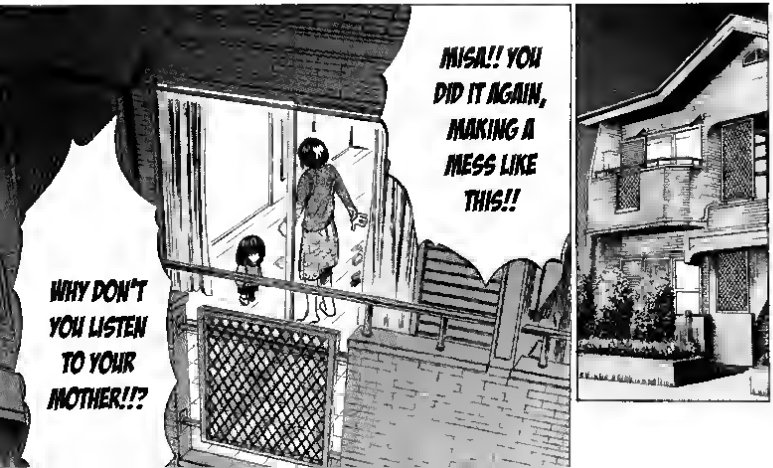
YUKINO-ONEE-CHAN!!
YUKINO ONEE-CHAN'S FACE LOOKS LIKE IT HURTS
YOU'LL BE OKAY WITH THIS!!
MISA-CHAN, WHAT'S WRONG?
ARE YOU OKAY?

I-I FELL OVER!!
ARE YOU HURT?
FE...
AH...
SFX: SHOCK
NEXT DOOR'S MISA-CHAN...
POOR KID.
THAT'S DEFINITELY CHILD ABUSE.

FUJITA-SAN NEXT DOOR ENDED UP GETTING A DIVORCE BECAUSE OF HER HUSBAND'S INFIDELITY.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, YUKINO?
ISN'T THAT FAMILY OF THREE ALWAYS SO SERENE?!
AB... ABUSE!?
EH?
EH?
SHE STILL SHOULDN'T TAKE IT ALL OUT ON MISA-CHAN.
EVEN IF SHE'S WORKING HARD BY HERSELF...
IT'S REALLY SAD...
HUH?
SEEING A KID THAT SMALL WITH INJURIES ALL OVER HER...
WILL PROMISE THEE.
"SHIFT OF MISFORTUNE"


I'VE ALREADY CONTACTED THE COUNTY'S CHILD PROTECTIVE AGENCY,
BUT THERE WAS SOMETHING ABOUT PROTECTION OF PRIVACY AND THE NEED TO INVESTIGATE IN ORDER TO DETERMINE IF IT'S AN EMERGENCY OR NOT...
FOR MANY REASONS THEY CAN'T TAKE THE CHILD AWAY FROM HER MOTHER YET.
SEEMS TO BE COMPLICATED.
HUH?

YUKINO-ONEE-CHAN!!
YUKINO-ONEE-CHAN'S FACE LOOKS LIKE IT HURTS.
YOU'LL BE OKAY WITH THIS!!


MISA!! YOU DID IT AGAIN, MAKING A MESS LIKE THIS!!
WHY DON'T YOU LISTEN TO YOUR MOTHER!!?

IT'S BECAUSE MISA IS LIKE THIS... YOU'RE THE REASON WHY YOUR FATHER LEFT!!
BAD GIRL!!
I
.....
!!!
YOU'RE A BAD GIRL, YUKINO!
BAD GIRL!!

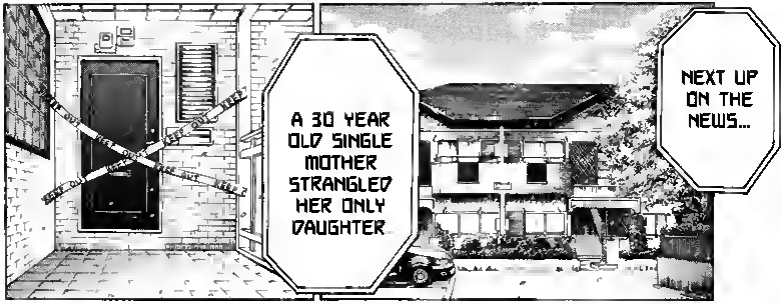
SFX: COMMOTION
A KID LIKE YOU IS BETTER OFF DEAD!!

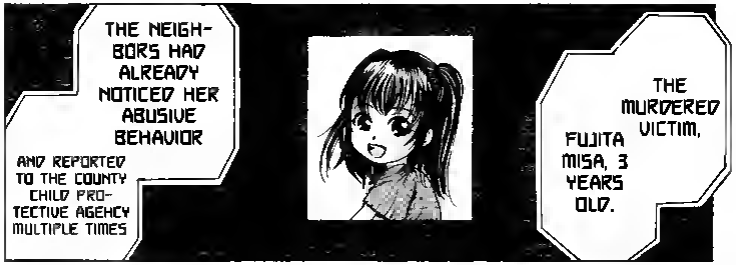
AH...
THOU ART PUZZLED.

MISFORTUNE CAN ONLY BE MOVED, NOT CANCELLED.
THIS BE THY WISH COME TRUE.
THAT CHILD IS NOW IN MISFORTUNE,
BETTER OFF DEAD.
LIVING A LIFE OF HAPPINESS.
THOU RETRIEVED A BABY THAT HAD DIED,
THY WORLDLY MISERY NO LONG EXIST.
THIS BE "SHIFT OF MISFORTUNE".

I... I ONLY WANT TO HAVE A NORMAL... NORMAL FAMILY, THAT'S ALL...
THAT'S NOT IT!!
I DIDN'T WISH FOR SOMETHING LIKE THIS!!
THINE CONFUSION... I DO NOT UNDERSTAND...
THOU HAVE WHAT THOU DESIRED. WHY DOST THOU WORRY ABOUT OTHERS?
TO DIE BEFORE BEING BORN
OR TO DIE AFTER BIRTH,
THERE REALLY IS NO DIFF-ERENCE...

IF THOU WISH TO SAVE THINE CHILD,
THAT CHILD SHALL DIE.
IF THOU WISH TO SAVE THAT CHILD,
THINE CHILD SHALL DIE.
CHOOSE THY WISH AND THY DESIRE WILL BE GRANTED.
OR THE OTHER.
IT IS THOU...
EXPOSE ALL
THY SINS.

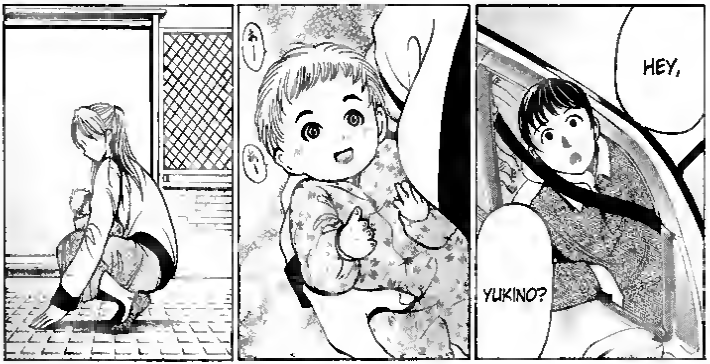

NEXT UP ON THE NEWS...
A 30 YEAR OLD SINGLE MOTHER STRANGLED HER ONLY DAUGHTER


THE MURDERED VICTIM, FUJITA MISA, 3 YEARS OLD.
THE NEIGHBORS HAD ALREADY NOTICED HER ABUSIVE BEHAVIOR
AND REPORTED TO THE COUNTY CHILD PROTECTIVE AGENCY MULTIPLE TIMES

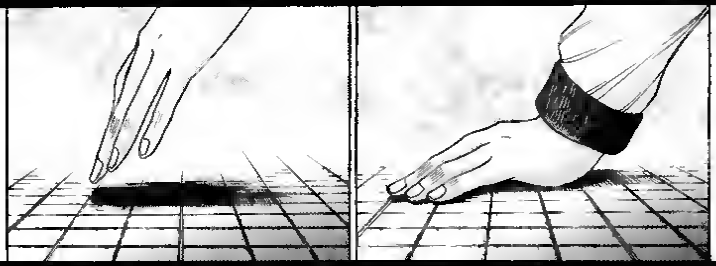
YUKINO~
IF WE DON'T LEAVE NOW, THE CONTRACTORS WILL GET TO THE NEW HOUSE FIRST.
THE NUMBER OF CASES INVOLVING DEATH FROM CHILD ABUSE HAS BEEN RISING ANNUALLY THE MASSES ARE ALSO BECOMING UNHAPPY WITH THE WAY THE GOVERNMENT IS HANDLING THIS

KEEP OUT
YUKINO~
THIS BE "SHIFT OF MISFORTUNE"
THY WORLDLY MISERY NO LONGER EXISTS
IF A PERSON CAN'T EVEN PROTECT THEMSELVES,
THEY HAVE NO RIGHT TO BE A MOTHER.
YUKINO-ONEE-CHAN'S FACE LOOKS LIKE IT HURTS.
YOU'LL BE OKAY WITH THIS!!
YUKINO-ONEE-CHAN!!

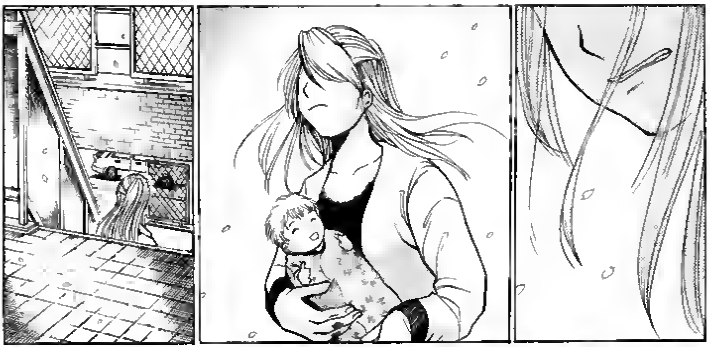
I DON'T EVEN HAVE THE RIGHT TO APOLOGIZE.

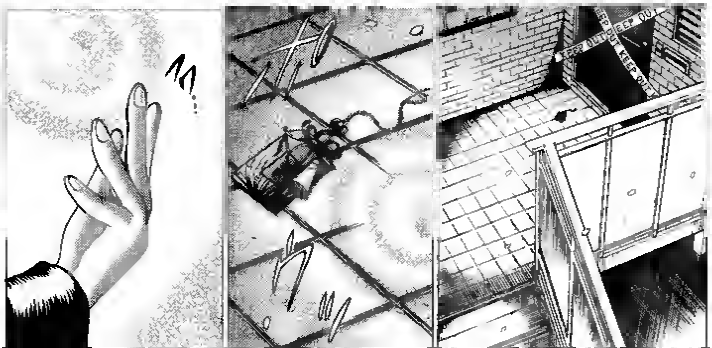


IT WON'T BECOME ANY EASIER FOR ME.

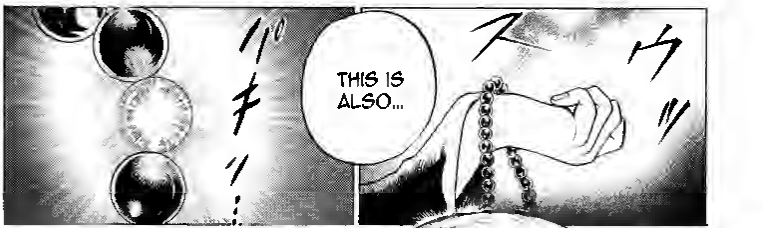


FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE I'LL LIVE WITH THIS HEAVY BURDEN.





GIVING BIRTH IN ORDER TO BECOME A MOTHER
AND FOR THIS CHILD, TO SHIFT HER MISFORTUNE TO ANOTHER IS HER HUMAN SIN---


THIS IS ALSO...

MATERNAL INSTINCT...

IS THIS...
BEING A MOTHER?
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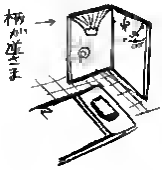
こけしの語源は「子消し」って本当かな？

赤子を間引き（殺す）する習慣はかつて
どの地方にもありました
生まれてすぐ産湯に沈めて殺したり、
石臼の下じきにして圧死させたり、
方法は様々のようです
津軽ではそういった事を「つぶし」と
呼んでいたそうです

深沢七郎さんの「みちのくの人形」たちという本には
産婆さんに赤子の間引きを頼むサインとして
屏風が使われていた、と書いてありました
屏風が逆さまに置かれていたら
「赤子を殺して下さい」という意味だったとか



＊逆さ屏風は亡くなった人の傍らに置くものです、本来は

この子も間引かれました